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1. I am the counsel of record for the above-referenced patent application.

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2. I oversaw the filing of the above-referenced application and filed the Request for Non-publication.

3. On September 14, 2001, a patent application was filed in Canada claiming priority to the above-referenced case and the parent application of the above-referenced case.

4. Following the filing of the application in Canada, we inadvertently failed to file the Request to Rescind Previous Non-publication Request.

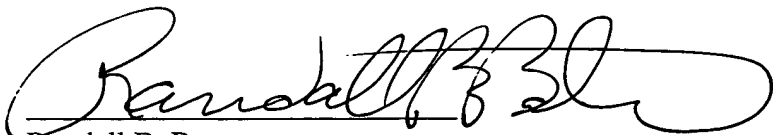
5. Last week we discovered that the Non-publication Request had not been rescinded within 45 days of the filing in Canada, and commenced preparation of the accompanying petition.

6. The delay caused by the abandonment of the application was unintentional.

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